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Reply to the Attention Of: SR-6J

January 8, 2015

Mr. Todd Konechne
The Dow Chemical Company
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RE: Segments 4 and 5 Combined Response Proposal
Tittabawassee River, Saginaw River & Bay Site, Michigan
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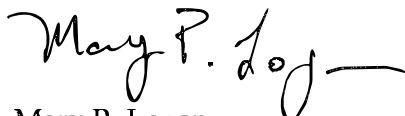
Dear Mr. Konechne:

On September 3, 2014, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), in consultation with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, (MDEQ, jointly, the Agencies) requested The Dow Chemical Company (Dow) to prepare a Segment-Specific Response Proposal for Segment 4 of the Tittabawassee River, pursuant to the January 2010 Administrative Settlement Agreement and Order on Consent (2010 AOC), and Task 8 of the Statement of Work (SOW), Appendix A to the 2010 AOC.

Subsequently, in technical meetings between the Agencies and Dow, EPA, in consultation with MDEQ, requested Dow to consider combining Segments 4 and 5 into a single Response Proposal. This is consistent with Sections 8.3 and 8.4.3 of the SOW, which provide flexibility to develop response objectives and options for multiple segments. EPA believes the combination of Segments 4 and 5 into one Response Proposal will be consistent with the over-arching site goals, on balance will benefit the site as a whole, and will provide cost and time efficiencies.

In a meeting on December 16, 2014, Dow agreed to combine Segments 4 and 5 into a single Response Proposal. The Agencies appreciate this and look forward to the development of response options for Segments 4 and 5. The Agencies agreed that the SOW Task 9 design work for Segments 4 and 5 will be conducted separately, and consistent with the general upstream to downstream site approach. The Agencies also agreed that preliminary assessment of non-dioxin/furan constituents will be conducted separately, and for the rest of the Tittabawassee River. Please contact me at (312) 886-4699 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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